

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 PRETOR 04515 071036Z

ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05

H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15

NSCE-00 SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 MCT-02 OMB-01 /079 W

-----119609 071039Z /14

O 070913Z AUG 78 ZFF-4

FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1995

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

UNCLAS PRETORIA 4515

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDEV, WA DEFENSE MINISTER

SUBJECT : NAMIBIA: BOTHA VISITS NAMIBIAN OPERATOIONAL
AREA

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEK, THE SOUTH
WEST AFRICA COMMAND ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT, AUGUST 6, THAT
DEFENSE MINISTER P.W. BOTHA HAD ARRIVED IN THE TERRITORY
TO HAVE TALKS ON THE ESCALATION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN
AVAMBO. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, BOTHA, ACCOMPANIED BY A GROUP
OF "SENIOR OFFICERS" WOULD VISIT MILITARY BASES IN THE
NOVERTHER OPERATIONAL AREA OF THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA
COMMAND.

2. THE COMMAND ANNOUNCED TWO FURTHER TERRORIST INCIDENTS
OCCURRING IN OVAMBO DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS. A LAND MINE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 PRETOR 04515 071036Z

WAS REPORTEDLY DEFUSED ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, AFTER
IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN OVER BY SEVERAL VEHICLES BUT FAILED
TO DETONATE BECAUSE OF A DEFECTIVE MECHANISM. IN THE
OTHER INCIDENT, SHOTS WERE REPORTEDLY FIRED AT A
SECURITY FORCES' CONVOY LATE THE SAME DAY. NO ONE
ON THE SECURITY FORCES SIDE WAS INJURED, ACCORDING TO THE
REPORT, AND THE GUERRILLAS TOOK TO THEIR HEELS WHEN

MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES RETURNED THE FIRE.
TRACKS WERE FOLLOWED BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN FOUND SO FAR.

3. IN ANOTHER REPORTED TERRORIST INCIDENT AT THE WEEKEND,
A WATER STORAGE TOWER NEAR ONDANGWA IN OVAMBO WAS SEVERELY
DAMAGED BY A TERRORIST EXPLOSION IN THE EARLY HOURS OF
SATURDAY. THIS WAS DESCRIBED AS PART OF THE LATEST
ATTEMPT BY TERRORISTS INFILTRATING FROM ANGOLA TO DISRUPT
PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS.
EDMONDSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MINISTERIAL VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PRETOR04515
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780322-0736
Format: TEL
From: PRETORIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780891/aaaacyux.tel
Line Count: 72
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c3679a67-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1819486
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NAMIBIA: BOTHA VISITS NAMIBIAN OPERATOIONAL AREA
TAGS: PDEV, WA, (BOTHA, PW)
To: STATE USUN NEW YORK
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c3679a67-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014